

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

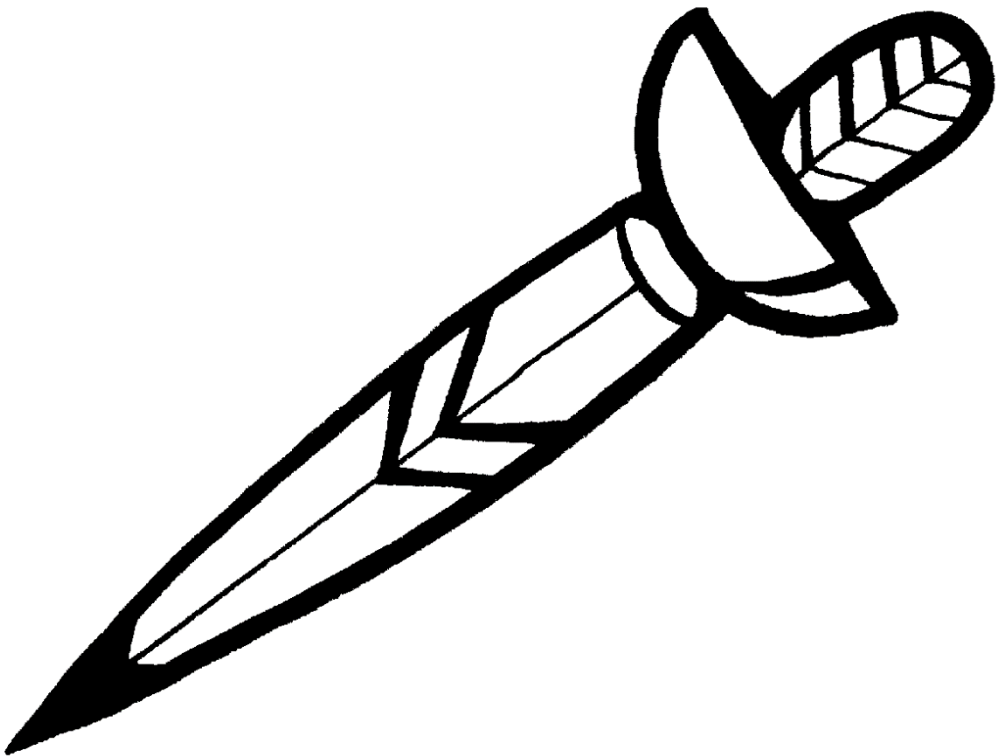
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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



*When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(rise in body or spirit)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C** Amen.

**P** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God, our provider, help us.

**C** **It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for the life in the world. Amen.**

**P** Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C** Amen.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807 vs 1 & 3

**1** **Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.**

**3** **Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, All You People*

ELW 819



1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God,
- ☑ **from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.  
Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that we, being  
defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

(sit)

## FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

**T**his is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 85:8-13 (read responsively)

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*(rise in body or spirit)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Refrain*  
Leader

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Lis - ten now for the gos - pel! Al - le - lu - ia! It is  
God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ia!  
1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, melt and break our hearts of stone,  
un - til we give our lives to God, and God a - lone.

*Refrain*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

**K**ing Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

*(sit)*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING 9:00 AM

*Children (aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.*

## SERMON

*Pastor Wynard*

*(rise in body or spirit)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW 717

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| <p><b>1</b> Let justice flow like streams<br/>of sparkling water, pure,<br/>enabling growth, refreshing life,<br/>abundant, cleansing, sure.</p>                 | <p><b>2</b> Let righteousness roll on<br/>as others' cares we heed,<br/>an ever-flowing stream of faith<br/>translated into deed.</p> |
| <p><b>3</b> So may God's plumb line, straight,<br/>define our measure true,<br/>and justice, right, and peace pervade<br/>this world our whole life through.</p> |   |

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

☑ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: ☐ In your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

*(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)*

**Prayers this week:** Pr. John & Joanne Carlson, brother & sister-in-law of Paul Carlson, Tom Jensen, Lynn Meyer

**On-going Care:** Lesley Akers, Michael Bogue, Betty Callies, Cheri Biggs, John & Jane Bodnar, Don Burton, Shirley Dietrich, Mike Edris, Albert Grage, Jessica Hannon, Richard & Betty Holzer, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Jason Klonglan, Orville & Julie Knapp, Marie Kubat, Ruth & Charles Martis, Tracey Mason, Lara McCormick, Nita Mueller, Linda Peltz, Jim Perkins, Kathy Preininger, David Samaria, LeClare Steffen, Vinn Stephens, Joyce Wachal, Gary Westerman, Deb Woosley

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in the military* – Wyatt Johnson, grandson of Ken and Linda Johnson; Tyler Johnston, son of Robert and Michelle Johnston, Daniel Milstead, nephew of Darlene Anderson; Cody Ray, grandson of Betty Callies; Dannika Rees, daughter of Eric and Toby Rees; Joel Woosley, son of Debbie Woosley, nephew of Steph Stephens, and grandson of Vinn Stephens

**Other Prayers:** *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Katie Larson, Colombia; Rev. Bridget Gautieri, Wittenburg Center, Germany; Rev. Robert & Kathy Moore, Leipzig, Germany; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators; our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin, as they assist refugees from the war in Ukraine

**Other Prayers:** *Seminarians* – James Holzer, Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks

## THE PEACE IS SHARED

- 📄 The peace of Christ be with you always.
- 📄 And also with you.

## MEAL

(sit)

### THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or place your offering in the plates that are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary. For those of you watching through our media outlets, if you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!



## THE TABLE IS PREPARED

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Gary Lanier  
Kai Johnson, violin

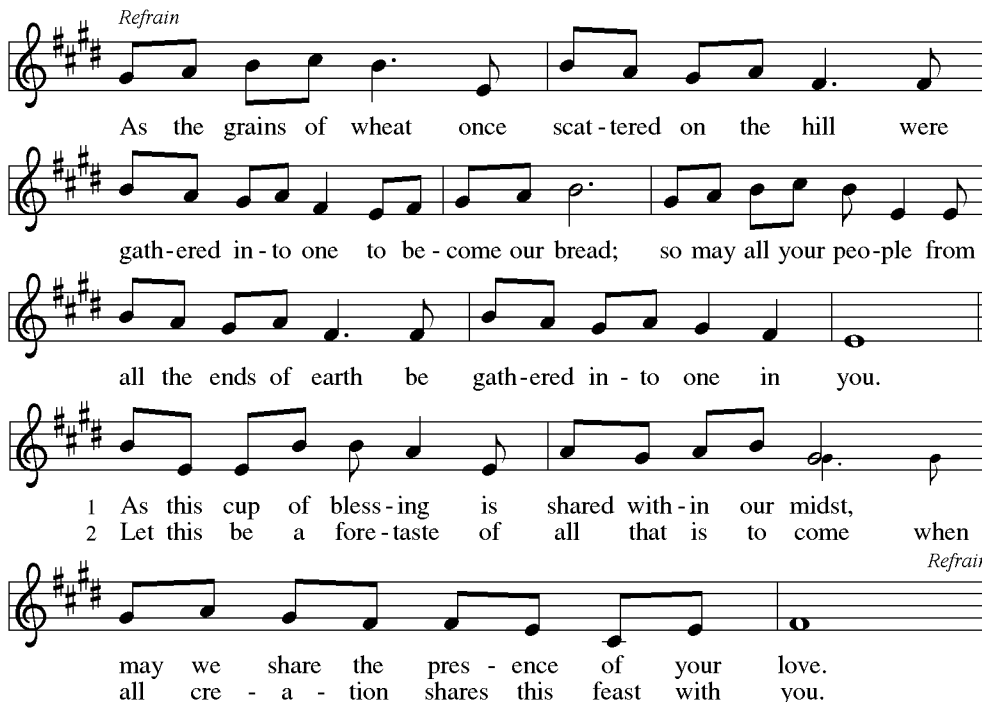
(rise in body or spirit)

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, when  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



## OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Jesus, Bread of life,
- C** you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

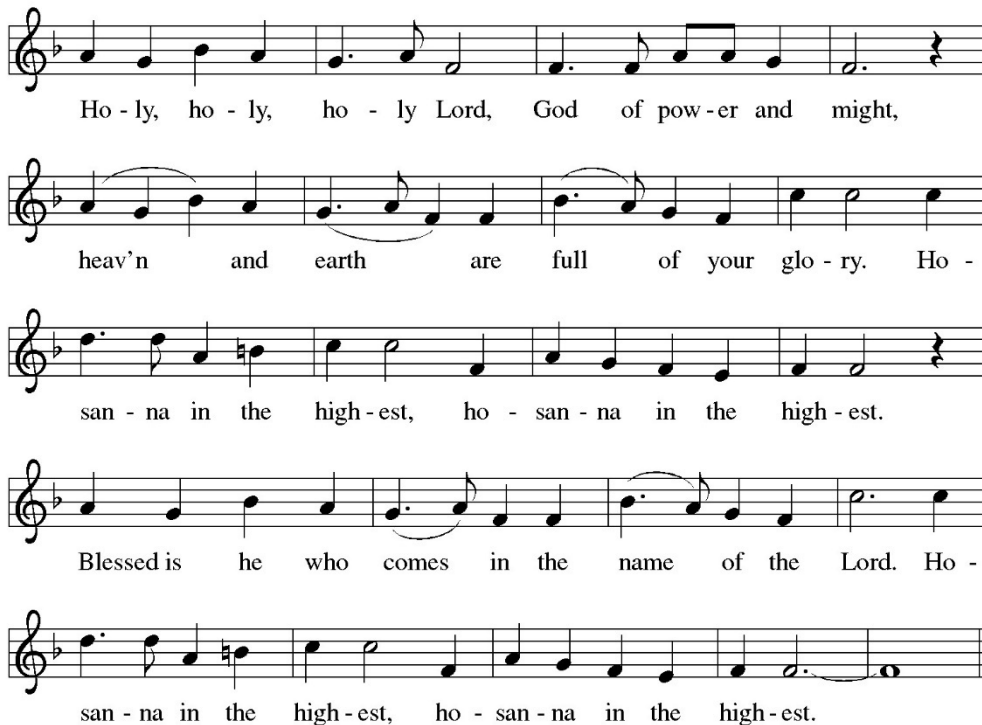
## HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW 192



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

☐ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

☑ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Come to the table Christ has set.

☑ **There is more than enough for all!**

*(sit)*

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is intinction: you will receive the consecrated bread and then you may dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free bread is available upon request.*

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| <p><b>1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,<br/>from this meal of love and grace;<br/>may we through such love envision<br/>whose we are, and whose, our praise.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia;<br/>God, the wonder of our days.</b></p> <p><b>2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow<br/>after Christ, though wounded, whole;<br/>broken, shared, our lives are hallowed<br/>to release and to console.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia;<br/>Christ, our present, past, and goal.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Rise, remember well the future<br/>God has called us to receive;<br/>present by God's loving nurture,<br/>Spirited then let us live.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia;<br/>Spirit, grace by whom we live.</b></p> <p><b>4 Service be our sure vocation;<br/>courage be our daily breath;<br/>mercy be our destination<br/>from this day and unto death.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia.<br/>Rise, O church, a living faith.</b></p> |
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*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

ELW 414

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| <p><b>1 Holy God, we praise your name;<br/>Lord of all, we bow before you.<br/>All on earth your scepter claim,<br/>all in heav'n above adore you.<br/>Infinite your vast domain,<br/>everlasting is your reign.</b></p> <p><b>2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn<br/>angel choirs above are raising;<br/>cherubim and seraphim,<br/>in unceasing chorus praising,<br/>fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:<br/>"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"</b></p> | <p><b>3 Lo, the apostolic train<br/>join your sacred name to hallow;<br/>prophets swell the glad refrain,<br/>and the white-robed martyrs follow;<br/>and from morn to set of sun<br/>through the church the song goes on.</b></p> <p><b>4 Holy Father, holy Son,<br/>Holy Spirit, three we name you,<br/>though in essence only one;<br/>undivided God we claim you<br/>and, adoring, bend the knee<br/>while we own the mystery.</b></p> |
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Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

*(rise in body or spirit)*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- ☞ Jesus, Bread of life,  
☞ we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.  
Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING FOR ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

See Insert

### BLESSING

- ☞ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

### THREE-FOLD AMEN

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*What God Ordains Is Good Indeed*

ELW 776 vs 1 & 4

**1 What God ordains is good indeed,  
for all life well providing.  
The will of God is best for me,  
the ground of my confiding.  
My faithful God,  
on ev'ry road  
you know the way unfolding  
and my hand you are holding.**

**4 What God ordains is good indeed.  
My Lord will never fail me  
on danger's path, in deepest need,  
when death in grief shall veil me.  
My God so dear  
will draw me near,  
in loving arms will hold me,  
at last in light enfold me.**

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951  
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### DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

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